(All Figures in MU Net)

State/System	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
Requirement	10277	12166	14163
Availability	9532	9463	10356
Kerala			
Requirement	4775	5225	5567
Availability	4662	5225	5146
Tamil Nadu			
Requirement	13390	14610	16391
Availability	13580	13076	4877
Bihar			
Requirement	4418	4315	4877
Availbility	2678	3108	3564
D.V.C.			
Requirement	6576	6584	6928
Availability	5344	5956	5806
Orissa			
Requirement	5194	5374	6328
Availability	4339	4342	4807
West Bengal			
Requirement	6769	7370	8416
Availability	6621	6970	7683
North Eastern Region			
Requirement	1594	1753	1929
Availbility	1632	1690	1810

Identification of essential drugs

936. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what was the total number of essential drugs recommended for price control by the Hathi Committee;

(b) on what criteria Hathi Committee identified essential drugs;

(c) what is the total number of drugs identified as essential for price control by the Kelkar Commitee along with the names of drugs;

(d) how many of these drugs have been excluded which Hathi Committee had identified for price control,

(e) whether it is a fact that neither his Ministry nor the Kelkar Committee has laid down the essentiality criteria; and

(f) if so, on what basis the drugs have been identified ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a), (b) and (d) Hathi Committee was not set up to identify essential drugs for price control.

(c), (e) and (f) The criteria adopted by the Committee constituted by the Government for identifying the drugs to be included in Category II and the reasons for inclusion of various drugs in Category II are contained in the report of the Committee copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

Prices of Prednisolone Formulations

937. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Prednisolone formulations were covered under category II of Drugs Price Control Order, 1979 with 55 per cent mark up;

(b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry did not fix the prices of Prednisolone formulations under DPCO 1979 and allowed the monopoly producer to determine his own price from 1979 to 1987;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the company has been enjoying a mark up of more than 150 per cent;

(d) if so, whether it is a fact that the company has made several crores as unintended profit during the last eight years;

(e) what is the present prices of Prednisolone formulations and what should be the prices on 55 per cent mark up, and

(f) what are the reasons for non-fixation of prices for the past eight years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Details of leader prices fixed for Prednisolone formulations under DPCO, 1979 to the extent available, are given in the Statement. (*See below*).

(f) Does not arise.

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Sl. No.	Name of the Formulation	Strength	Pack Size	Leader Price with out E.D.
1.	Prednisolone Tabs	50mg/Tab.	10's St.	1·92
2.	Do	50mg/Tab.	10 × 10's St.	19·22
3.	Do.	50mg/Tab.	500's Bottle	86·90
4.	Do.	50mg/Tab	1000's Bottle	173·77

Non-furnishing of purchase accounts by Drug Companies

938 SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some drug companies did not furnish accounts of purchases of certain drugs to his Ministry in regard to finalisation of amounts due under DPEA,

(b) whether it is also a fact that it came to the notice of his Ministry that certain companies are in possession of purchase bills which are doubtful;

(c) if so, what are the names of drug companies which did not furnish accounts of purchase or were found in possession of doubtful purchase bills; and

(d) what steps have been taken by his Ministry to determine the correct amount due under DPEA from those companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R K JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) No. Sir

(c) and (d) Action as per due process of law has been taken against the companies.

Fuel Oil from Coal

939. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state the present position with regard to commercialisation of production of fuel oil from coal as recommended by Sir. J. C. Ghosh Committee in 1954?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : The J. C. Ghosh Committee appointed by the Government of India in 1955 examined the production of liquid fuels from coal. The conversion of coal to oil on a commercial scale has been examined and the finding is that the economics of such conversion is not favourable on a commercial scale in India at present.

Identification of Drugs by Kelkar Committee

940 SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kelkar Committee submitted its report to his Ministry in regard to identification of